



AUGUST 2021 PROGRAMS

All Programs are free and open to the public. An adult must accompany children. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. Wheelchair accessible. Please follow all current COVID guidelines. Visit [Mass.gov/COVID](https://www.mass.gov/COVID) for more guidance. For more information call (413) 863-3221.

VISITOR CENTER

OPEN 6 days a week:

- **Tuesdays, 12:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.**
- **Wednesdays—Sundays, 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.**

Located at 2 Avenue A in Turners Falls. Come explore the natural, cultural and industrial history of the Connecticut River Watershed in our dynamic exhibit hall. Adjacent to the Canalside Rail Trail. Great Hall exhibit gallery, restrooms, drinking water, wheelchair accessible.

Ongoing

**July 30
through
August 18**

STORY WALK® *The Busy Tree*

For young readers ages 3-7 and everyone who loves trees. Enjoy a story, fresh air and exercise! Join us on the grounds of the center for a FREE self-guided StoryWalk® featuring the children's picture book *The Busy Tree* by Jennifer Ward. Follow the path to laminated book pages posted along the route. A wonderful story celebrating trees awaits! The StoryWalk® may not be available during lawn mowing.*

Ongoing

**August 6
through
September 1**

GREAT HALL EXHIBIT: *LIGHT, BREATH, FORM*

Paintings and sculpture by Christine and Bill Copeland draw from their experiences of living in a forested river valley, for all ages. The exhibit features pensive and playful human and animal figures surrounded by renderings of vernal pools, waterfalls and a seasonally changing landscape. Abstract pieces and geologic tiles suggest deep time and evolutionary processes.

Fridays

**August 6, 13,
20, and 17**

KIDLEIDOSCOPE STORY HOUR:

8/6: Dragonflies; 8/13: Beavers; 8/20: Bobcats; 8/27: Butterflies, 10:30—11:30 a.m., Great Hall courtyard

For ages 3-6, accompanied by an adult. Come learn about our wildlife neighbors who share our home in the Connecticut River Watershed. Program includes a story, activities, and a craft. Program is mostly outdoors. Siblings and friends welcome. No shared materials/items. Activities are socially distanced.

Saturday

August 7

POCUMTUCK HOMELANDS FESTIVAL

10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m., Unity Park

Visit the Discovery Center and Northfield Mountain tent to find self-guided activities for young adventurers along the river—quests, scavenger hunts, and a Western Abenaki Story-Walk® *Mosbas and the Magic Flute* by Jesse Bruchac. For thousands of years people have gathered at the Great Falls. The event features live music, drumming, dancing, storytelling, native crafts and food. For more information on the entire event, please visit nolumbekaproject.org.*

MORE PROGRAMS CONTINUED ON OTHER SIDE

Great Falls Discovery Center, Connecticut River Greenway State Park
2 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA 01376, (413) 863-3221, greatfallsdiscoverycenter.org

coming events



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PROGRAMS CONTINUED

Sunday
August 8

EXHIBIT RECEPTION: *LIGHT, BREATH, FORM* 1:00—3:00 p.m., Great Hall and courtyard

Everyone is welcome to join artists Christine and Bill Copeland in an opening reception for their paintings and sculpture with light snacks and live music from a jazz trio in the courtyard of the center. Rain location will be inside the Great Hall.

Saturday
August 14
and

Saturday
August 28

ART NATURALLY SERIES: DISCOVER NATURE THROUGH STORY AND ART 10:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m., Great Hall

For adults, teens, and children ages 6 and up (accompanied by an adult). Join us for two FREE programs this month in this series featuring stories and art, soaking up the natural world as we go. Come early and enjoy reading the StoryWalk® on the lawn. Workshop begins at 10:30 a.m. Materials are provided free.

Registration recommended, call the center.

August 14—The StoryWalk® is *The Busy Tree* by Jennifer Ward and the art technique is gel printing using oak leaves.

August 28—The StoryWalk® is *Gotta Go! Gotta Go!* by Sam Swope and the art technique is nature weaving. Make a butterfly!

Ongoing
August 20
through
September 6

Make a
butterfly
Saturday
August 21

BUTTERFLY STORY WALK® *Gotta Go! Gotta Go!*

For young readers ages 3-6 and all butterfly lovers. Enjoy a story, fresh air and exercise! Join us on the grounds of the center for a FREE self-guided StoryWalk® featuring the children's picture book *Gotta Go! Gotta Go!* by Sam Swope. Follow the path to laminated book pages posted along the route. A wonderful story celebrating butterfly migration awaits! The StoryWalk® may not be available during lawn mowing.*

On Saturday August 21, from 12:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m. all ages are welcome to make your own butterfly at our craft table outside the center by the StoryWalk®. Sponsored by CFCE playgroup and Friends of the Great Falls Discovery Center.

Sunday
August 29

BIKE PATH B-I-N-G-O! 10:30—11:30 a.m., meet outside of the main entrance

Kids — grab your family and we'll go exploring outdoors! All ages welcome. Practice examining the natural world with field guides, binoculars, and a fun game. See just how much you can see. Meet at the Discovery Center entrance. Please bring water, bug spray, sunscreen and wear sturdy shoes.

* The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson. This StoryWalk® is provided by Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation Interpretive Services.